

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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Connectivity of Remote Villages with State National Highways

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any programme to connect all remote villages of the country and State/National Highways and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government provides funds to the State Governments in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the work done in each State during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) to (c) 'Rural Roads' is a State subject. Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), which was launched on 25th December, 2000 is a one-time special intervention of Central Government to provide rural connectivity, by way of a single all-weather road, to the eligible unconnected habitations in the core network with a population of 500 persons (as per 2001 Census) and above in plain areas. In respect of 'Special Category States' (North-East, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand), the Desert areas, the Tribal (Schedule V) areas and Selected Tribal and Backward districts as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs/Planning Commission, the objective is to connect eligible unconnected habitations as per Core-Network with a population of 250 persons and above (Census 2001). In the critical LWE affected blocks (as identified by MHA), additional relaxation has been given to connect habitations with population 100 persons and above. As per the PMGSY Guidelines, unit of implementation is a Habitation & not a revenue village. The funds under PMGSY are released to the State Governments for the projects sanctioned, based upon their absorption capacity, of the State, balance works in hand, unspent balance available with the State and fulfilling of certain conditions laid down as per the programme guidelines. The details of road length completed under PMGSY during the last three year and current year till January 2017, State wise is given at annexure.
